

**Summit County Combined General Health District
Special Pandemic Subcommittee Meeting
of the Board of Health
Friday, March 20, 2020
12:00 Noon**



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CONFERENCE CALL IN NUMBER: 330-926-5796; ID: 74883

A. Call to Order – Ms. Billow called the meeting to order at 12:02 p.m.

B. Board Member Roll Call:

Dr. Amy Arnold	04/11/2019-12/31/2020	Absent
Patricia Billow	01/01/2018-12/31/2021	Conference Call
Dr. James Boex	01/01/2019-12/31/2022	Present
Todd Burdette	03/21/2017-03/20/2022	Absent
Dr. Kimberly Cook	10/10/2019-03/31/2021	Present
Dominic Cugini	04/01/2019-03/31/2023	Absent
Lynn Clark	01/01/2019-12/31/2022	Present
Dr. Roberta DePompei	01/01/2020-12/31/2023	Present
Dr. Kristine Gill	01/01/2018-12/31/2021	Conference Call
Dan Karant	01/01/2018-12/31/2021	Present
Dr. Gayleen Kolazcewski	01/01/2020-12/31/2023	Absent
Dr. Aleksandra Mamonis	01/01/2020-12/31/2023	Present
Leon Ricks	01/01/2019-12/31/2022	Absent
Jeffrey Snell	04/01/2018-03/31/2022	Present
Marco Sommerville	01/01/2019-12/31/2022	Present
Karen Talbott	01/01/2019-12/31/2022	Conference Call
Sheila Williams	01/01/2018-12/31/2021	Present

Others Present: Angela Burgess, Donna Skoda and Tabitha Stearns.

C. Motion by Ms. Clark, seconded by Dr. Boex to adopt Resolution No. 017-20 permitting electronic meetings of public bodies covered by Ohio Revised Code 121.22 (See Enclosure.)

Ms. Stearns advised the resolution will be sent to the Summit County Prosecutor. They plan to share with clients.

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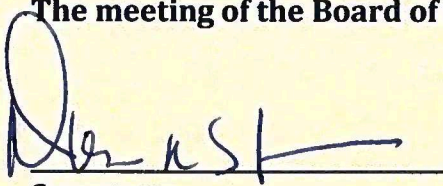
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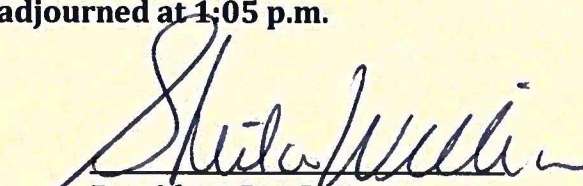
Mr. Snell recommended adding to Section 5: The public body shall make best efforts to allow members of the public to attend electronically; via livestream if possible. A failure of livestreaming or electronic means which incidentally excludes the public shall not invalidate any action taken by the public body at the meeting.

Ms. Stearns advised the signed resolution will be emailed to the Board of Health.

Approved by voice vote.

The meeting of the Board of Health adjourned at 1:05 p.m.


Secretary


President Pro Tempore

RESOLUTION NO. 017-20

**RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF HEALTH OF THE SUMMIT COUNTY COMBINED
GENERAL HEALTH DISTRICT PERMITTING ELECTRONIC MEETINGS OF PUBLIC
BODIES COVERED BY ORC 121.22**

WHEREAS, the Board of Health of the Summit County Combined General Health District, acting under authority vested in it by Section 3709.21 of the Ohio Revised Code, may adopt regulations necessary for its own government, for the public health, the prevention or restriction of disease, and the prevention, abatement, or suppression of nuisances; and

WHEREAS, ORC 3707.04 provides that a Board of Health, “in times of epidemic or threatened epidemic, or when dangerous communicable disease is unusually prevalent . . . the board may make and enforce such rules and regulations as are wise and necessary for the protection of the health of the people in the community or state . . .”; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19, a novel strain of Coronavirus, is prevalent in Summit County and has been declared to be a pandemic by the World Health Organization; and

WHEREAS, the prevalence of COVID-19 has caused a State of Emergency to be declared by the President, Governor of Ohio, and County Executive; and

WHEREAS, the Health Commissioner, after personal investigation, has determined that COVID-19 is an epidemic in Summit County; and

WHEREAS, it is wise and necessary for the Board to prohibit persons from congregating and to promote social distancing in order to prevent the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, public bodies covered by ORC 121.22, the Ohio Open Meetings Act (OMA) are required to hold meetings in person and permit the public to attend; and

WHEREAS, the OMA requires in person attendance of Board members for a quorum and to for voting; and

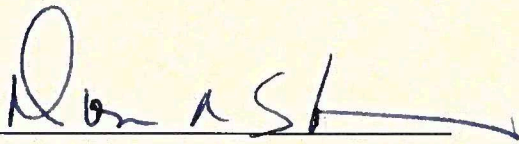
WHEREAS, public bodies need to continue meeting and operating in order to conduct public business; and

WHEREAS, the in-person attendance of persons at public board meetings presents a threat to the public health and will promote the spread of COVID-19; and

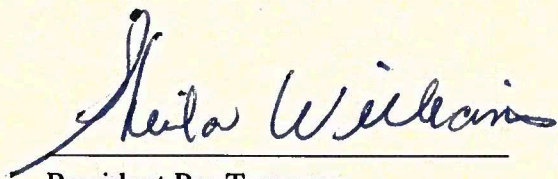
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Health of the Summit County Combined General Health District:

- SECTION 1: That this Resolution is passed under authority vested in the Board by ORC 3709.21 and ORC 3707.04.
- SECTION 2: That this Resolution shall be in effect until the Board of Health declares that the provisions herein are no longer necessary.
- SECTION 3: That Board of Health members may attend Board of Health meetings electronically. If a Board of Health member attend electronically, they shall be counted as present "in-person" for purposes of the OMA, shall be permitted to vote electronically, and shall be counted for purposes of quorum.
- SECTION 4: That the Board of Health shall make all reasonable efforts to make meetings available electronically for members of the public. The Board of Health shall make all reasonable efforts for the public to engage in public comment, with reasonable restrictions.
- SECTION 5: That, except as provided in Section 6 of this Resolution, all meetings of public bodies covered by ORC 121.22 in Summit County shall be held electronically. If a member of a public body attends electronically, they shall be counted as present "in-person" for purposes of the OMA, shall be permitted to vote electronically, and shall be counted for purposes of quorum. The public body shall make best efforts to allow members of the public to attend electronically; via livestream if possible. A failure of livestreaming or electronic means which incidentally excludes the public shall not invalidate any action taken by the public body at the meeting.
- SECTION 6: That public bodies covered by this Resolution may only meet in person if they provide accommodations which allow members of the public body to be maintained at a minimum distance of 6 feet apart. The public body shall exclude members of the public from in-person meetings, but may include members of the media or other persons that the public body deems to be necessary.
- SECTION 7: That these regulations are wise and necessary for the protection of the health of the people of the community of Summit County due to the prevalence, spread, and consequences of COVID-19 which will be mitigated by this Resolution by limiting in-person spread of COVID-19.
- SECTION 8: That this Resolution is passed as an emergency pursuant to ORC 3709.20 because of COVID-19 and the reasons outlined above and shall become effective immediately.

Adopted: March 20, 2020



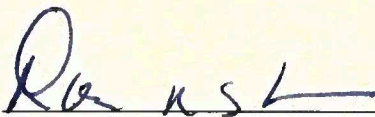
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CERTIFICATION

I, Donna R. Skoda, MS, RD, LD., Secretary of the Board of Health of the Summit County Combined General Health District, Summit County, Ohio, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution No. 017-20 was duly and regularly adopted by the Board of Health of the Summit County Combined General Health District, Summit County, Ohio, on the 20th day of March, 2020.



Donna R. Skoda, MS, RD, LD, Secretary